Mrs. Tritch’s Classroom



Newsletter #17

January 27 – January 31, 2014

**Homework:**

**Writing Prompts: ½ page each day to be written in writer’s notebook section of literacy notebook.**

**Monday-** What is your idea of the perfect vacation?

**Tuesday-** We are halfway through the school year. What is one thing you would like to improve or change as you finish the school year?

**Wednesday-**  Write a short story with the following phrase somewhere in your writing: “It was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen!”

**Thursday-** Free Choice!

**Vocabulary Words:**

**1.** chronology

**2.** sequence

**3.** problem

**4.** solution

**Vocab Test on Friday!**

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**Upcoming events/ news:**

**Jan. 28 – Report Cards Sent Home – return gold envelope**

Feb. 1 – **5th Grade Science Academy 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Feb. 3 – 5th Grade group pictures

Feb. 12 – Early Release – 1:30 PM

Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day <3

Feb. 17 – Teacher Workday/ No School

**Homework:**

**Reading-** 30 minutes each night.

This week, focus on the following strategies:

1. Comparing and contrasting characters, setting, and/or events
2. Finding the main idea and details
3. Using context clues to understanding unknown words or phrases.

**What we are working on:**

*Literacy-* We are starting a new quarter and a new literacy structure! I’m excited to start book clubs this week! Students will be placed in a book club of 4-5 students who will be reading the same book. We will hold daily meetings to discuss reading strategies and build comprehension skills. **Vocab test Friday.**

*Math-* We are working on fraction word problems this week and going over commonly missed questions on the CA.

*Science-* We are starting our new science unit, “Forces and Motion” this week. Students will be focusing on gravity and force!

